(d) the steps taken to ensure the services of doctors round the clock?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P THAKUR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Hospital has one CT Scan which is functional round the clock and no patient is directed to any private nursing home for CT Scan.

(c) In view of (a) & (b) above, question does not arise.

(d) The doctors are put on round the clock duties in ICU, Casualty and Wards. The specialists of the concerned department are available all the time on call as and when required to provide the services to the patients.

**Restriction of spurious eatable items and mineral water**

†58. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new amendments being considered by Government in the present laws in order to impose restriction on spurious eatable items including spurious mineral water;

(b) whether his Ministry is keeping an eye on sale of spurious eatable items in different States;

(c) if so, the details of mineral and other eatable items being sold with ISI seal and without ISI seal, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in order to make test laboratories of eatable items fair and efficient?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Amendments to the PFA Rules is an ongoing process. Important provisions introduced recently to regulate the quality of foods include provision of standards for packaged drinking water, upgradation of standards for mineral water, introduction of the concept of "Best Before" to be put on labels, fixing of limit for contaminants in fruit products etc.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The State/Union Territory Governments implement the provisions of PFA Act and Rules made thereunder. They are being advised from time to time to step up vigil on the manufacture, distribution and sale of food products and to take legal action if any person is found to violate the provisions of the PFA Act and the Rules made thereuncer.

(c) A list of the food products which are being manufactured and sold under Certification Scheme of BIS in the country is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(d) Analysis of food products are being carried out by the food testing laboratories set up by the States/Union Territories Governments. The Central Government is providing assistance to these laboratories in the form of cash grants and equipment to keep these laboratories updated with recent developments in the field of analysis. Simultaneously, orientation training, programs for analysts/ chemists working in these laboratories are also being organized regularly to apprise them of the latest analytical methods available. All the cost for these trainings, including T.A. and D.A. of these analysts/chemists, are being met by the Central Government. Latest technical books on analytical methods are also supplied free of cost to these laboratories. Standard operating procedures for testing of important items have also been prepared.

**Statement**

*List of food products under mandatory certification of BIS*

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| 1. | IS 1694 | Tartrazine, Food grade |
| 2. | IS 1695 | Sunset Yellow FCF, Food grade |
| 3. | IS 1697 | Erythrosine, Food grade |
| 4. | IS 1698 | Indigo Carmine, Food grade |
| 5. | IS 2558 | Ponceau 4R, Food grade |
| 6. | IS 2923 | Garmoisine, Food grade |
| 7. | IS 5346 | Synthetic Food Colour preparation and mixtures |
| 8. | IS 6022 | Fast Green FCF, Food grade |
| 9. | IS 6406 | Brilliant Blue FCF, Food grade |

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| 10. | IS 3827 | Riboflavin |
| 11. | IS 3841 | B-Carotene |
| 12. | IS 4446 (Pt 1) | Chlorophyll, (Mg Complex) |
| 13. | IS 4466 (Pt 2) | Chlorophyll, (Cu Complex) |
| 14. | IS 6386 | Beta-apo-8-carotenoic, Food grade |
| 15. | IS 6405 | Centhazanthine, Food grade |
| 16. | IS 6797 | Methyl ester of beta-apo-8-carotenoic acid |
| 17. | IS 7260 | Ethyl ester of beta-apo-8-carotenoic acid food grade |
| 18. | IS 2557 | Annatto colour for Food Products |
| 19. | IS 4476 | Caramel |
| 20. | | Safhuric acid (Food grade) |
| 21. | IS 2557 | Annatto colour for food products |
| 22. | IS 4447 | Sodium benzoate, Food grade |
| 23. | IS 4467 (Pt 1) | Carmoisine, (Plain) |
| 24. | IS 4448 | Benzoic acid, Food grade |
| 25. | IS 4467 (Pt 2) | Caramel (Ammonia Process) |
| 26. | IS 4467 (Pt 3) | Caramel (Ammonia sulphite process) |
| 27. | IS 4750 | Sorbitol, Food grade |
| 28. | IS 4751 | Potassium meta-bisulphite, Food grade |
| 29. | IS 4752 | Sodium meta-bisulphite, Food grade |
| 30. | IS 4818 | Sorbic acid, Food grade |
| 31. | IS 5191 | Sodium alginate, Food grade |
| 32. | IS 5306 | Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, Food grade |
| 33. | IS 5342 | Ascorbic acid, Food grade |
| 34. | IS 5343 | Butylated hydroxy-anixole, Food grade |
| 35. | IS 5707 | Agar-Agar, Food grade |
| 36. | IS 5719 | Gelatin, Food grade |
| 37. | IS 6030 | Sodium porpionate, Food grade |
| 38. | | Butylated Hydroxy Toluene (BHT) (Food grade) |
| 39. | IS 6031 | Calcium propionate, Food grade |
| 40. | IS 6793 | Fumaric acid, Food grade |
| 41. | IS 7905 | Calcium alginate, Food grade |

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| 42. | IS 7908 | Sulphur dioxide, Food grade |
| 43. | IS 7928 | Alginic acid, Food grade |
| 44. | IS 9504 | Tartaric acid, Food grade |
| 45. | IS 10563 | Mineral Oil, Food grade |
| 46. | IS 8356 | Titanium dioxide, Food grade |
| 47. | IS 9971 | DL Lactic acid, Food grade |
| 48. | IS 1166 | Condensed milk sweetened |
| 49. | IS 1166 | Condensed skimmed milk sweetened |
| 50. | IS 1165 | Milk Powder |
| 51. | IS 13334 | Skimmed milk powder |
| 52. | IS 14542 | Partly skimmed milk powder |
| 53. | IS 1547 | Infant milk foods |
| 54. | IS 1656 | Milk-cereal base weaning foods |
| 55. | IS 11156 | Infant formulae. |
| 56. | IS 1166 | Partly skimmed sweetened condonsed milk. |
| 57. | IS 13248 | Natural mineral water (*w.e.f.* 29.3.2001) |
| 58. | IS 14543 | Packaged drinking water (*w.e.f.* 29.3.2001). |

**Sex ratio**

59. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that provisional figures of Census 2001 have indicated that the sex ratio in the age group of 0—6 has declined sharply from 945 females per 1000 males in 1991 to 927 females currently;

(b) whether Government consider that the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 has not been properly implemented as a result of which female foeticide in the country is on the increase; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.